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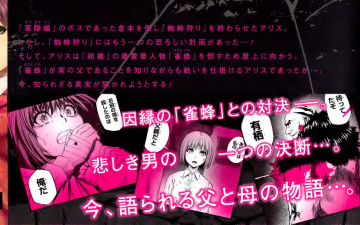

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Senpai!

U-

Um-

With...

Be gentle ...

As... As much as possible ...

It's my first time, so...

I... This kinda thing...

It'll be fine!

real soon! ♡

I'll make you feel good

# Chapter 61: Welcome to My Army Ant Kingdom

she needs to exchange bodily fluids and stimulate her mentally.

In order to do that,

In other words...

is to degrade Fuji Alice into her slave.

The Queen's objective

with the Queen.

Sex

is an element of control that governs and regulates the executive functions in the frontal lobe of the cerebral cortex.

The "**Queen Substance**", a bioactive compound created within the womb of the Queen,

That

their mind is completely dominated.

and the substance penetrates the body of the partner,

When the mucous membranes come into contact during sex,

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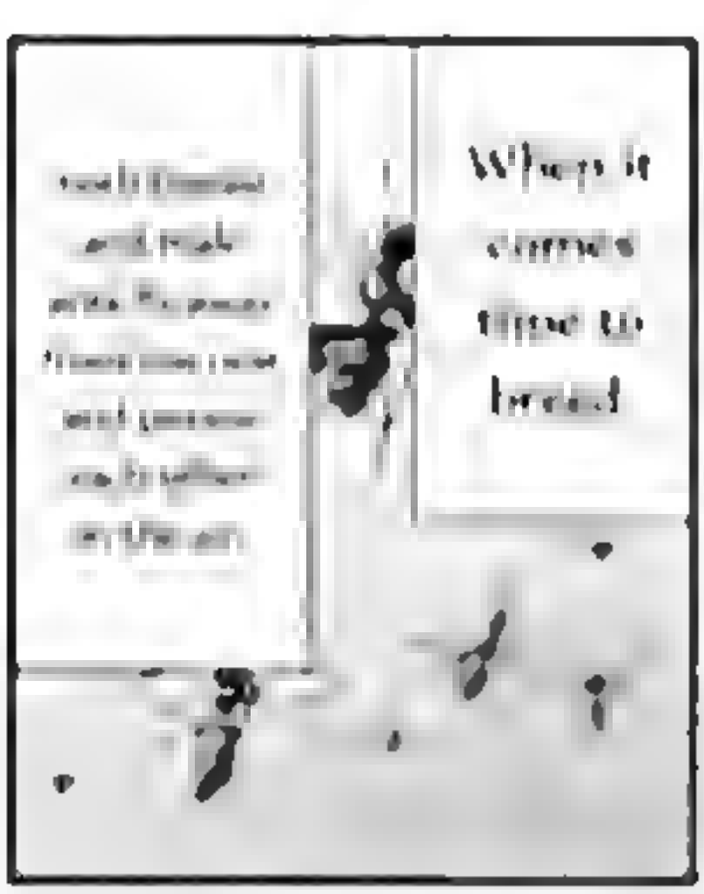
IS THE "QUEEN'S RULE"

For human beings, "sex"


What it comes time to breed

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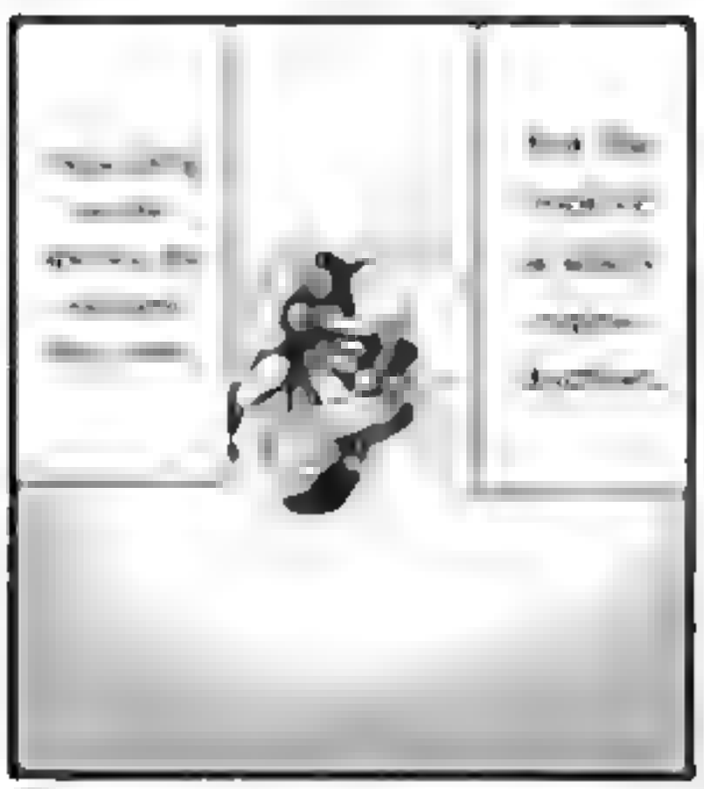
as a factor of "reproduction" and "procreation"
these are two completely separate things



and everything else is considered a nuisance

Only the genitalia and sperm are necessary,

If you consider that well thought out rationality,

the male's abdomen.

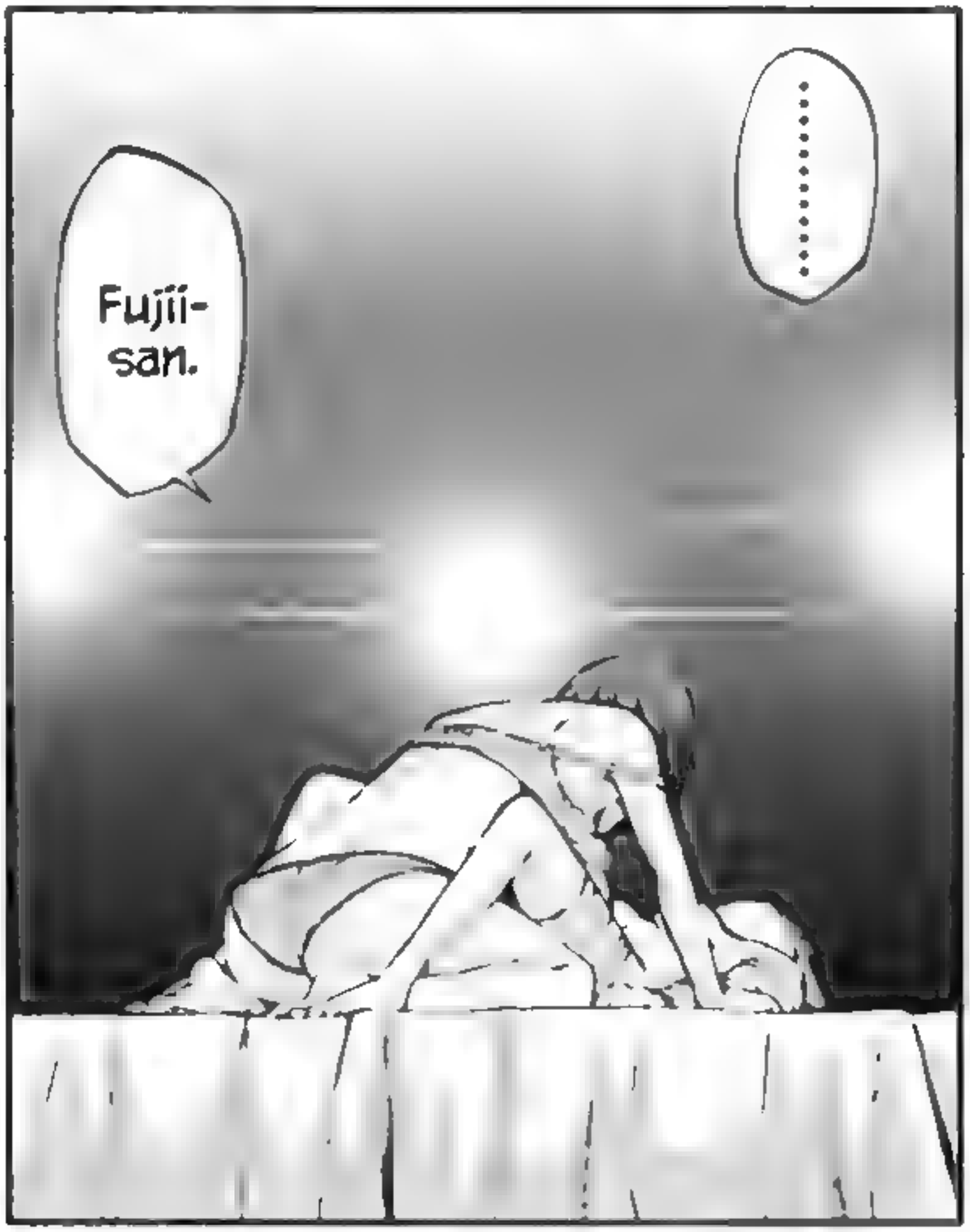
the female bites off

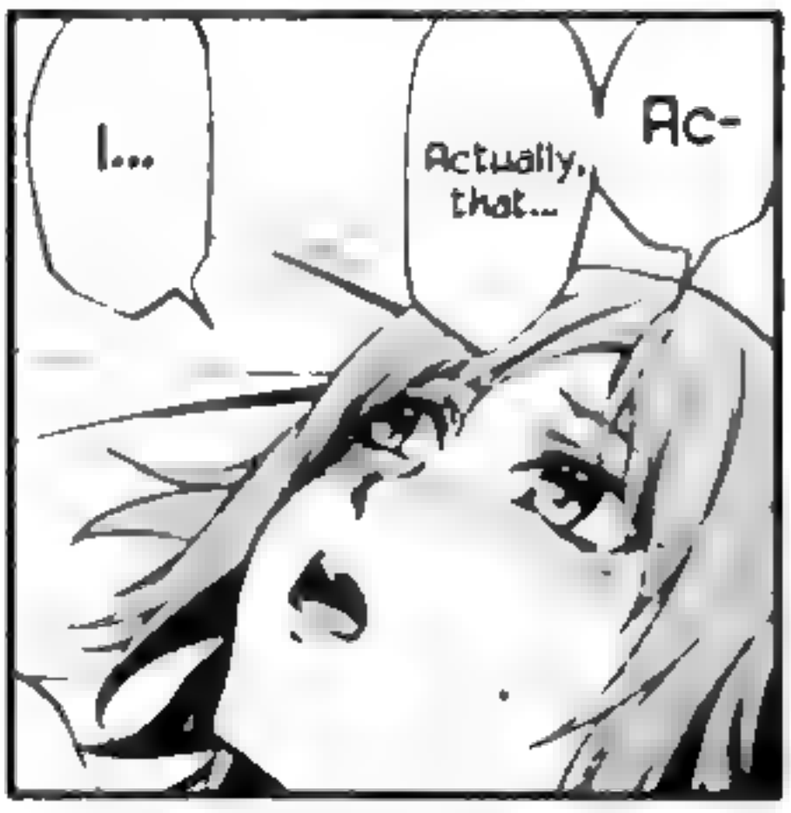
in regards to human society.

could be considered as acts more akin to sex,

and the "interaction" from the exchange of bodily fluids

the delivery of pheromones from the Queen or between her soldiers



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*All proceeds go towards offsetting her medical fees. Thank you very much for reading!*

don't have a single good memory

of kissing...

My body may unintentionally react violently...

So... The...

ki- kiss ...

As much as possible, could you please

be slow... and gentle ..?

Eh-

Ehh...

I'm being selfish...

Even though you're finally taking the initiative,

I should be the one to say sorry...

N-

No...

Sorry about that.

I understand, Fujii-san.

Let's go slowly.

Getting nervous is natural!

Y-Yes ../

Please ...

This is your first time, right?

It's okay!

This girl...

Th-

she's just too naive!

Whatever the case may be,

Though, on the other hand,

complaining about just kissing...

Does she think it's the Taisho period or something!?

A high school girl of this era

considers "kissing"

it seems like this girl

to that degree.

to be a "special act"

I'll make her fall with a single move!

I wouldn't even need to resort to intercourse,

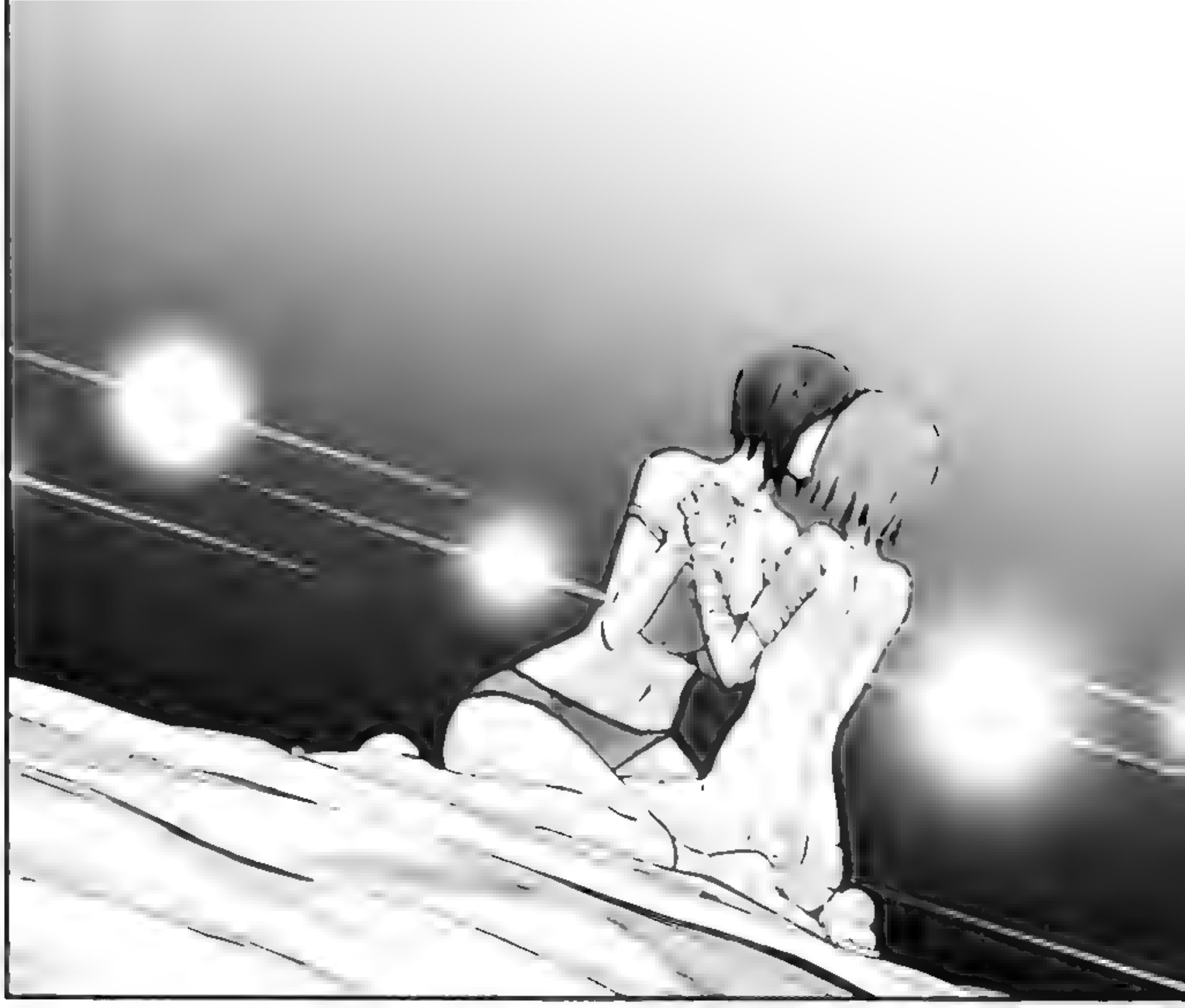
if there's mouth-to-mouth exchange of saliva,

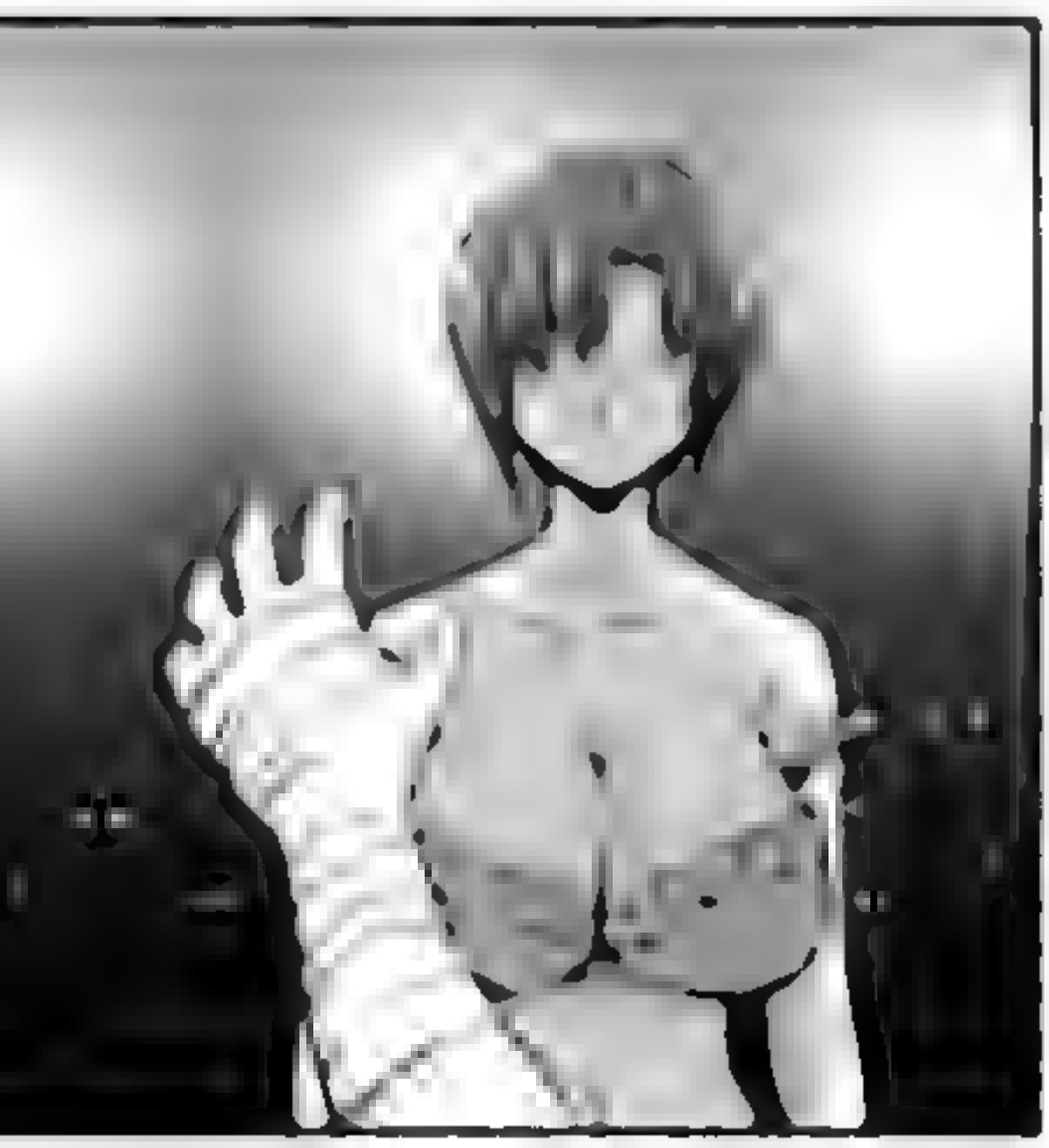
In that case, even if it's a small dose,

Okay ...

Close your eyes.

It's okay!





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I'm sorry for deceiving you up until now,

Fujii-san.

the Army Ants.

The Student Council became suspicious of me as an assumed identity

The real me

Allow me to introduce myself again!

The Queen Regnant.

Chapter 62: There's Something I Want to Ask You

move without my consent.

You can no longer

but I'll ask while leaving you your free will.

What's it like?

I could completely enslave you by exchanging more bodily fluids,

showing that stoic bluff, like it's

Even now, you're still

"not a big deal" ...

by a comrade you had complete faith in.

The feeling of being betrayed in the worst possible condition

Making an attack on the Queen while she's under the Queen's Rule...

No-

No way!

Wha...

!?

!

I knew it.

*Hmph.*

You just put on a shitty act...

You didn't swallow my saliva, did you?

*hasn't changed!?*

*Her eye colour*

.....

what a real kiss is like!

Well I'll soon show you

But, how odd

Well, it's fine

why didn't you bite off my tongue?

I wonder... if you noticed,

ズン

After all, if you show even the slightest bit of suspicious behaviour,

auto-
mati-
cally!

you'll be eliminated

did you have doubts about me?

To exactly what extent

If you tell me obediently,

So, tell me.

Even in the surveillance footage, it didn't seem like Fuji Alice had noticed

Th-that reminds me ..

So, how did she

in a relatively comfortable manner!

I won't mind letting you die

I've-

.....

I've never

doubted you at all.

was big

strong

and kind

just like my mother

trusted you from the bottom of my heart

I really

Just an "act"...

Even if it was

you were an irreplaceable friend.

To me,

in order to protect you,

even when I found Tajima-san,

There-fore,

in order not to lose sight of you,

I tied you

to a single thread.

It can't be...

It-

!

by using that "thread,"

In the middle of her fight with Dino-ponera,

the conversation we had!?

she listened into

it would've been risky to capture me.

if she had noticed my true colours.

Of course.

.....

From the very beginning, this girl...

There exists an arachnid which invades ant crowds

and preys on them.

in order to kill me, huh?

You planned on diving into the crowd

it uses a method so bold it's shocking.

in order to penetrate ant cordons,

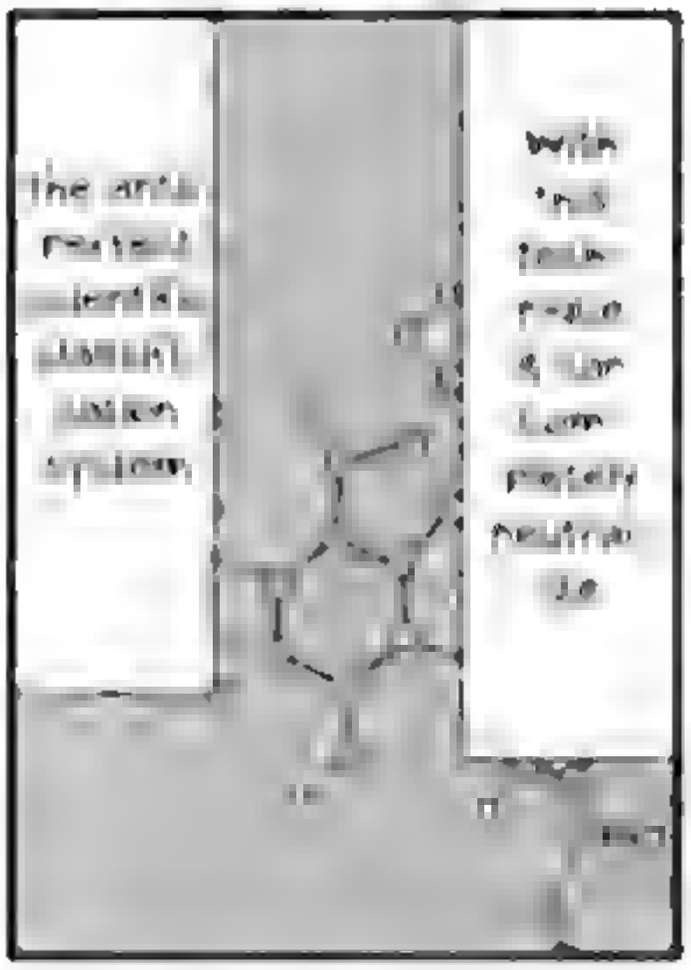
That is,

lifts it up high,

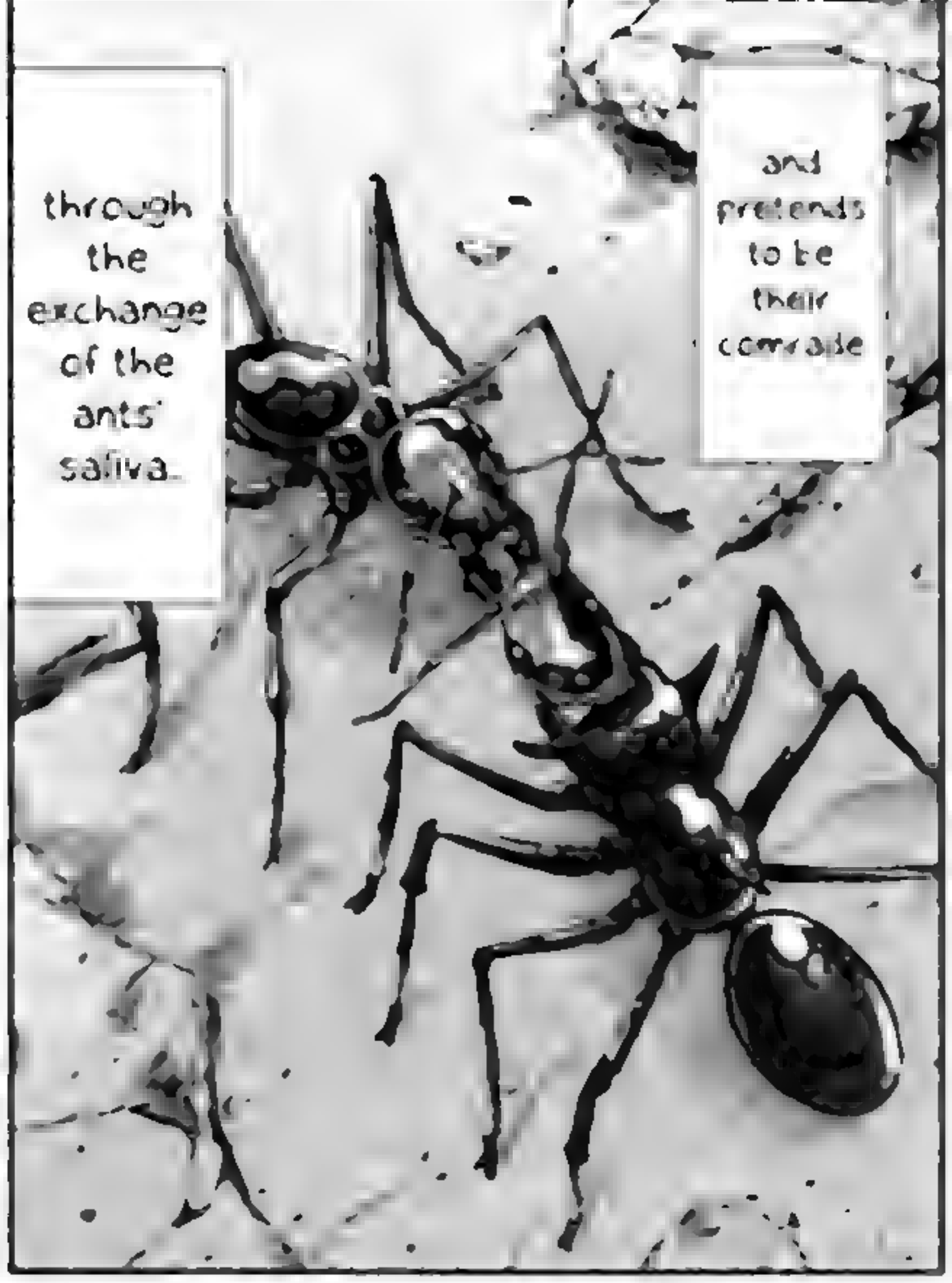
it gathers the head of a dead ant,

Residing in Central and South America, this arachnid, with a form resembling an ant's,

The Anteater Crab Spider, in the subfamily Aphantochilinae of the Thomisidae family.

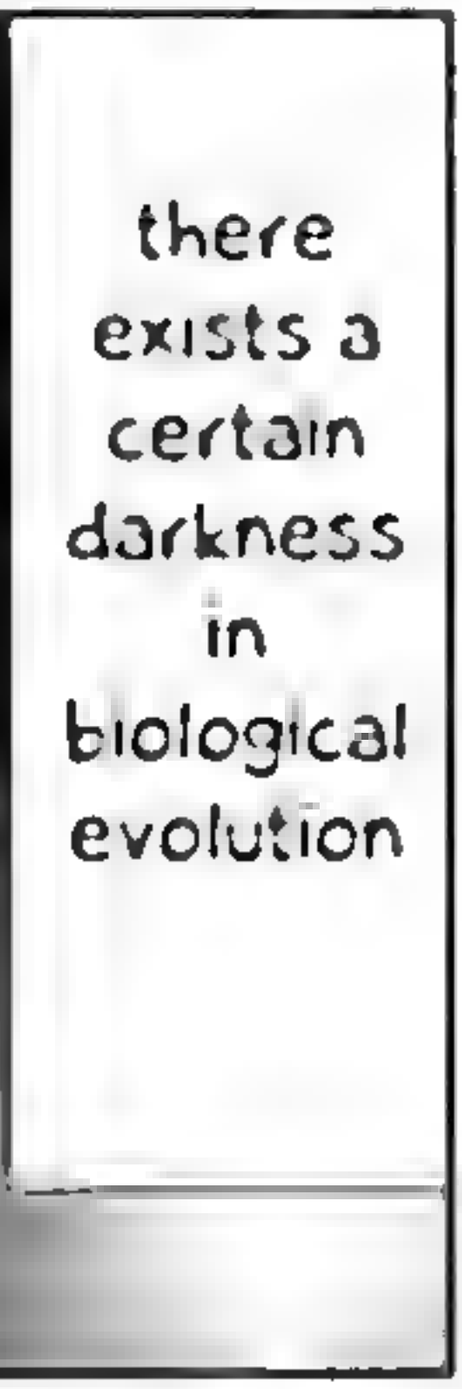

the ants' mutual understanding system
with this formic acid & low molecular neurotoxin

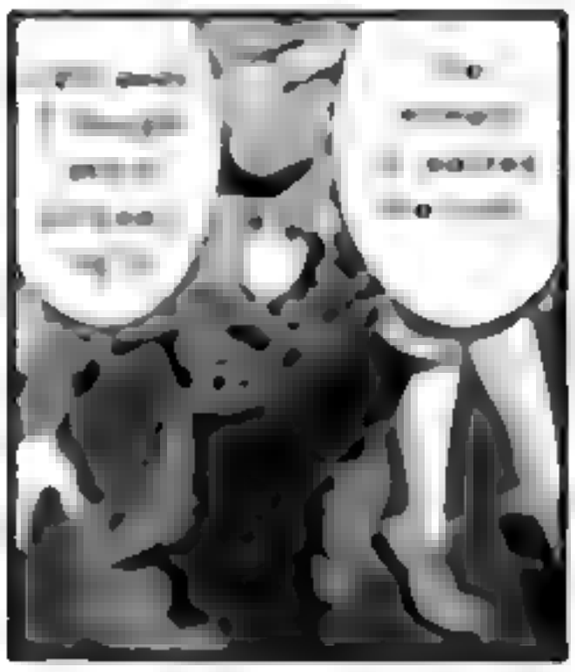
with just one sting from killing one of the insects ar-thropods.
which stores the ants' advanced recovery of energy evolution


through the exchange of the ants' saliva...
and pretends to be their comrade

the beginning of the

which can't be explained simply by saying that it's "survival of the fittest."


there exists a certain darkness in biological evolution


the

The fact that I already detached my thread.

I'm sure Tajima-san would've stayed alive as well.

If I had quickly killed you at that time,

Hah! You got that right!



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If you had at least

That was the turning point of the match!

kept one thread around our Queen's body...

that you couldn't accept your reality right away!

You were forced to adore our Queen so much

.....

Or even-

No way...

No...

That's right.

just in case.

I did that

So that's it.

after touching your "thread."

so I would give you an "order"

and completely cut off the signal flow to your head

Your pulse and breathing will immediately halt.

And with a single command,

Yes.

Ren.

But had I not done this,

I don't think I would've been able to hear the truth...

I'm sorry.

What poor taste.

Pretending that, for once, you made a mistake...

some-where in my heart,

Still,

Really?

I'm happy.

*in Kuramoto-senpai!*

I think a part of me wanted to keep believing

KILL HER!

WITHOUT GIVING FUJII ALICE

THE ROOM TO UTTER EVEN A SINGLE WORD!

*Thread Strangle.*

TAKE HER LIFE AWA-

IN AN INSTANT,

AH HH HH!!

AH HH HH!!

No way!!

That's just...

Such a thing...

It can't be...

There's the Queen could die!!

no way

Queen ...!

Below: Eek-

Above: Eeeekk!!

If you die,

will I just what do-

Kurokawa-san.

Please wake up, my Queen

Wake up!

There's something

I want to ask you.

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There's something I want to ask you.

Does that mean

You called yourself the boss, right?

In the past,

HA

HA

HA

are the "Boss" of "The Organiza-tion"?

the "Army Ants"

# Chapter 63: Don't Retreat

……

because she was ordered to by the "Boss"...

I heard that the Queen started the "Arachnid Hunt"

so I don't know anything about "The Organization" therefore,

But I'm just a normal person,

no...

N-

Where is Suzume-bachi?

I don't know anything regarding the "Boss."

Earlier, I didn't see him on any of the monitors,

so I think he might be on the rooftop.

That's the only place without any surveillance cameras...

I-

I don't know that either, but...

U-

Um...!

.....

I see.

Please forgive me!

Please return my weapon first.

And then,

take off your clothes and give them to me-

I'll do anything!

Please don't kill me!

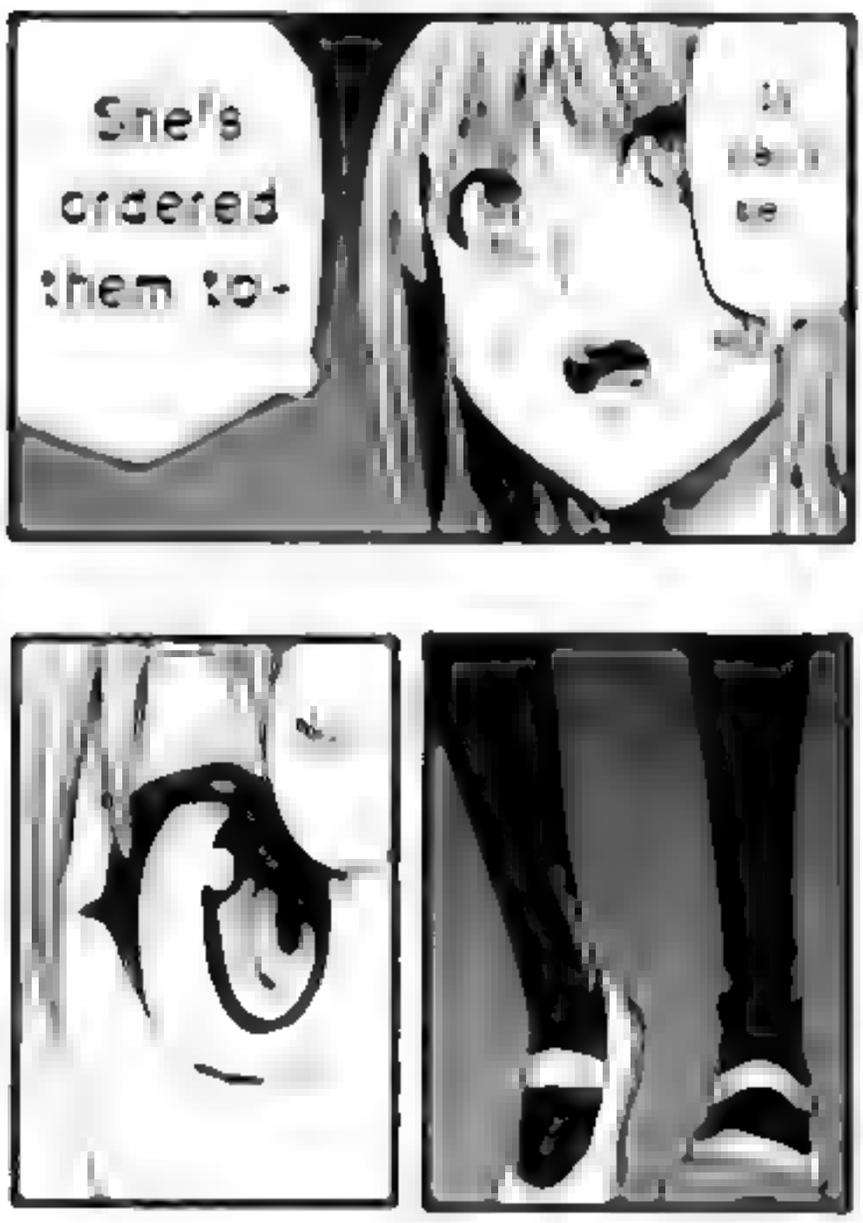
I was just following the Queen's orders!

They're still moving ...?

Wha-

what in the world is this-
wh-

!?


She's ordered them to-
Kuroka-wa-san
Ku-

moving on their own...

They're just

maintain a march like an orderly string.

by chasing the pheromones of each individual ant walking in front of them

However,

the group will keep chasing the phero mones between them

if they lose their vanguard in some instances,

These blind army ants,

and continue going around non-stop.

going around in circles where they are

so it is called a "death spiral."

doesn't stop until every ant has died of starvation,

Although unconfirmed, it's said that this phenomenon

of an ant society that boasts a supposedly "perfect" organizational capability.

It's known as an "error" caused by the very perfection

I see.

.....

Oki-san and the others have managed to escape...

At this rate, I'm sure

they're losing control

because I killed their "Queen."

Regardless of each of their abilities,

The "Arachnid Hunt" is over.

But,

.....

this isn't over yet.

What I should do now is confirm the true identity of this enemy who is targeting me out of hate,

and defeat them.

If I don't,

There's no longer a point to leave the school quickly,

besides I don't have a place to return to anyway.

won't end.

today

We--
come!

Alice.

I've been waiting,

You survived the Arachnid Hunt.
Good job.

and simply let you kill him.
believed you were his daughter.

a prominent man who hated people,
Kumo,

I inquired with someone called "Kirigi-risu".

He said that you

are my father.

But,

Yeah.

leaving his wife pregnant with his child

a man that diss-apears,

Is that

true?

.....

to call himself a father.

has no right

LOOK.

The time it takes for this to conclude in a pandemic

They'll eventually die of starvation but the reaction will continue

is about a year.

were relieved of their post and have started heading out

The soldier ants that lost their master

Japan's popula-
tion

will be reduced by about a half.

That's The Organi-zation's plan,

and the Boss' will.

Wh-

.....

It's a long story.

Why in the world are you guys doing... such a thing...

It's something that was decided a long time ago

Even when I became Suzumebachi,

I've prepared for this day to come

Because I thought about protecting just Ayana and you.

But that's already

Th-

this is my...

become a dream that won't come true.

I can't trust you!

Since you,

before my very eyes,

ordered Kumo-san

you
grieved
Sasori who
killed my
mother...

Moreover...

and
after
tonight he
and all my
friends!

didn't
you?

to
kill
me,

How dare
such a person
being my
opponent!

yet
in reality
you're
calm

Exhibiting
your rage

such
bullshi-

How
dare you
give me

was
entwined
with your
thread

The
locket you
threw back
at me

to kill me.

You're setting up a trap

Fujii Alice!

That's a big deal,

Was my attack shallow?

No...

If I use it as the starting point,

The thread is already wrapped around

.....

capture his entire body.

I can

ｷﾘﾘ

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

It was impossible to stop my thread.

For a second,

I have no chance of winning.

Don't retreat!

Even if you did.

I"

it's futile.

This feel-ing...

Grr-

but as if I forgot time itself...

It can't be...

This feeling where it isn't even a matter of speed or gap

ドカ

Hi

Augh—

Since we're connected by blood.

This isn't peculiar at all.

The same abil.ty as you.

Naturally I have it too.

hah-

Kah-

Congenital Excess Concen-tration.

there was once a time I saved you.

Certainly, as your father,

.....

and the *Su-zume-bachi* me

But, *that* me

H"

Ugh...

are two

Guh-

completely different people.

One more thing.

wasn't Sasori.

The one who killed your mother

Kuh...

.....

It was me.

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The one who killed your mother

is me.

and absolutely no emotional tie

to the reality that *I'm your father.*

has absolutely no relationship

Simply put, the me now

Do you realize what that means?

And that's because...

I can kill you whenever I wish.

karma.

That's the hornet's

# Chapter 64: I am Suzumebachi

15 Years Ago

Which lines should we put them on!?

If we don't hurry and sort them, we won't make it in time!

We're getting extra trains from Yamagata!

Toga-waaa!!

Hey!

Togawa!

Hey! Where are you!?

ゴゴゴ

ゴゴゴ

ゴゴゴ

ゴゴゴ

Togawa!

Hey!

ゴゴゴ

We're getting 12 tonnes of cherries from Yamagata!

Don't ask me that!

Ehh !?

So- sorry bout that!

Uh oh.

I guess you could say that he doesn't see the big picture...

He's just bad at handling things.

He's way too serious.

Did you know?

I don't think he's at that level!

Togawa Jin,

honestly, what the hell are you doing...

He's angry, *again*.

What is it !?

Ah, yes!

What an amazing memory!

But, that's pointless, isn't it?

Uh huh.

I think he memorized

every train line's schedule as well as every seven-digit postal code in the country!

Seriously!?

No matter how much he was able to learn,

they're just locations of real world places.

No matter what job he gets into,

he'll be at the bottom for life!

Aye-kahn!

You're so kerish!

A stupid guy like him

can only be treated as an idiot.

Hm?

Ah-

The door's unlocked.

Eh?

Jin-kun!

Welcome home,

I finished my job early today, so I unintentionally...

Sorry for surprising you.

Ayana-san!

Sorry for this, as always.

Th-thanks.

Oh no, I'm just doing it for fun.

I'm making curry right now.

It's the sweet kind that even Jin-kun can eat.

Just wait a bit,

Jin-kun.

Say,

Eh-

Do you know what day it is today?

Hmm— It's not your birthday, so... Mm...

Ah... Is that right ...?

Yep.

It's the anniversary of the day we met!

The correct answer is

It was two years ago, but...

I remember it vividly!

Anyway, it was shocking to me

I wasn't in a mental or legal mess state.

I truly felt...

.....

in real life...

that "nice guys" existed

the guys I knew...

Well,

They preferred if you didn't complain,

To a certain degree, they were all about the same.

and they thought of women as nothing more than a tool or trophy.

and the guys in my school or workplace, but...

a little brother who was just like him,

were a father who tossed me aside and disappeared,

From my point of view, Ayana-san in particular

We-well no...

is the only person that's nice to me...

were like that.

I thought all guys

too good for me...

Really, you're a little

Not at all.

You'll always be a person with value.

More than me, more than anyone.

Jin-kun's special.

I know.

I'm not that

You're wrong, Ayana-san.

remark-able of a man-

ﾘﾘﾘﾝ

Hello!?

ヴィー

ヴィー

Yes.

Yes, got it.

パキン

Okay, well then...

I'll head over there promptly, so-

Sorry,

and it seems somebody got injured.

There was an accident with the loading gate's shutter,

The police arrived and it's turning into a commotion.

I need to return to work.

I

It'll probably take a fair bit of time.

That's terrible...

I... I see.

I'll return before it's late.

Well then.

Thanks for coming today.

I thought I'd definitely be able to do it today too...

Sigh...

.....

again...

I missed the chance to tell him.

Sir?

Um ...

Yeah?

You're closin'?

Ah...

I- I apologize.

However, it's already past closing hours, so—

Even though there's a guy's drinking and in a good mood here!?

What the hell!?

Tsk-

No choice then. I'll go home.

N-no,

I'll stay until the morning!

The last train's gone already!

Um,

...your bill... again—

TL: For more details of the law, see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fueiho

ガビーン

Put it on the tab.

They extort us each and every day...

These rotten yakuza guys...

murder him for us...?

Won't someone

Ahh...

Good thing it was just alcohol, though...

Hehe...

I must've drank

a little too much...

There! It's coming out!

Sorry.

Ah...?

you bloody-

Get lost,

.....

Ah-

Ashinaga-bachi here.

Yes,

he's been disposed of.

Please contact Shidemushi.

I see.

.....

TL: "Carrion beetle."
He disposes of dead bodies.

So this was

the work of Ashinaga-bachi.

As his name goes,

he kills with silence and calmness.

Heheh...

By using just a single puncture

both time and energy is minimized.

Not all wasps

are "aggressive."

1,000 species are known in the world, of which 11 are from Japan.

**Ashinaga-bachi, or the Paper Wasp.**

Its mode of life resembles the hornet from the same family, but ...

Unlike the red-banded sand wasp and the spider wasp, it's not used for hunting.

Its stinger is used solely for defense.

is extremely **docile**.

Its nature

However,

that doesn't mean that they're completely harmless.

is limited to stinging as a "duty"

against beings that cause danger to a nest when it s directly taken ahold of

Their capacity for aggression

a portion of them are attributed to the paper walls.

You mustn't forget

and there are known cases of people dying from electrocution due to

use of the dirty water from leaks

The good

that at the bottom of that "gentleness,"

lies their true nature as killers with a hundred million years of refinement

Please come with us.

This is an invitation from a *particular* person.

Eh-

What is the matter?

.....

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs...?

Th-

.....

in a place like this.

There's no reason for "Togawa Jin" to receive a warm reception by the government

However, there's no way The Organization's existence could've been publicized.

If they have business, then it would be with "Ashinagabachi" instead.

Could it be. ?

is the meaning of this...?

Just what

disappear...

and then have me

Maybe they plan to squeeze information out of me regarding The Organization

Was there some change in the current government's policies?

Sorry to keep you waiting.

Hey there!

.....

Haa...

Oooh boy...

you're...

Yo-

a Diet member of the Self-Government Party!

the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ushijima Masashi.

Wh-

why does such a remarkable man

have something to do with me...

Calling you here is none other than...

Well, I think you've realized already, but...

That's *former* Minister.

Nowadays, I've retired from the political world.

I want to talk to you about The Organization.

"The Organi-zation"...?

What in the world are you talking about?

There's no need to play dumb.

What?

.....

I'm slipping in several relays, but...

It was also I who gave you that job today.

I'm part of The Organization too.

I forgot to mention.

I am Suzume-bachi.

To think that the one standing at the peak of

The Organi-zation

was a former *cabinet minister*...

*Suzume-bachi...*

*Su-*

Your summoning

was for the sake of conveying the Boss' message to you.

I'm no more than a representative of his will.

The one at the peak is the "Boss."

I'll speak frankly.

to me...?

To...

Suzumebachi.

He wants you to succeed the position of

My physical limits are approaching.

I'm already past my prime.

.....

The Boss needs *renewed vitality.*

It can only be you.

Wh- why

me...?

At the moment, that ability is solely used to kill.

I appears you simply recognize it as no more than some pesky disease, but...

Congenital Excessive Concentration.

If you are inclined,

right now, the management of the Organization which operates with 1,000 people is possible, as long as it is done by you.

it can be an extremely great power.

Depending on how you use it,

YOU

in other words,

...

were destined to become Suzume-bachi.

by nature.

...

All any [illegible] has Organ[illegible]ation

HAIF!?

HB-

We're currently putting into effect a huge massacre.

is going to reduce the Japanese population by half.

as long as you are Suzume-bachi.

Once it happens,

we can add whomever you treasure

to our whitelist.

Naturally,

your future child.

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to be Suzume-bachi...

You want me

If I refuse, that ultimately means—

This goes without saying, but—

Yeah.

That's right.

And, ironically, it's

but you would have to die.

I'm sorry.

the death of your family too.

that implies

# Chapter 65: Thank You

Omn-

Mm
...

Mm-

Mm-

Delicious.

Nothing beats this when it comes to a celebration.

The tempura's especially good.

The kaiseki here is excellent.

Please eat without holding back.

By the way, Akiyama-san,

Okay then...

Ha-haa...

Wikipedia: Kaiseki is a traditional multi-course Japanese dinner.

From what I've heard...

.....

The Organiz-ation's work?

how much do you know about

blood, and organs of the econo-mically weak.

They mass market the family registers, assets,

Those are no more than their side jobs.

Well, that's just the appearance on the outside.

that was born post-war during a time of poverty...

They're the "parent organiz-ation" of the black market

is...

The real mission that The Organiz-ation conveys...

the reduction of the human population.

for that one simple reason.

The Organiz-ation exists

through killing.

We are regulating over-population in the world

Then, The Organiz-ation

Pl-please wait a second!

is merely camou-flage.

Acting as an under-ground organiz-ation that makes money

If you choose to become Suzume-bachi, that is.

the scope and full picture of the Organiz-ation—

You will in due course under-stand

but the entire world too-

covers not only this country,

This man

.....

There's an obvious presence here

that's support-ing my thoughts.

or trying to trap me.

doesn't look like he's lying

ten considerable masters, surrounding this room.

There are at least ten people,

there's only one task left for me.

In that case.

I really can't escape this one.

Even if not, like a stab at each other, four's the most I can handle

I understand.

will become Suzume-bachi.

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If I consent, even if tempo-rarily,

I can probably suspend The Organiz-ation's plans as the new leader.

And even if that's not possible,

At the very least, I should be able to steer Ayano out...

Then, please, kill me.

you."

"Thank

Wha-

Who

did this-

!?

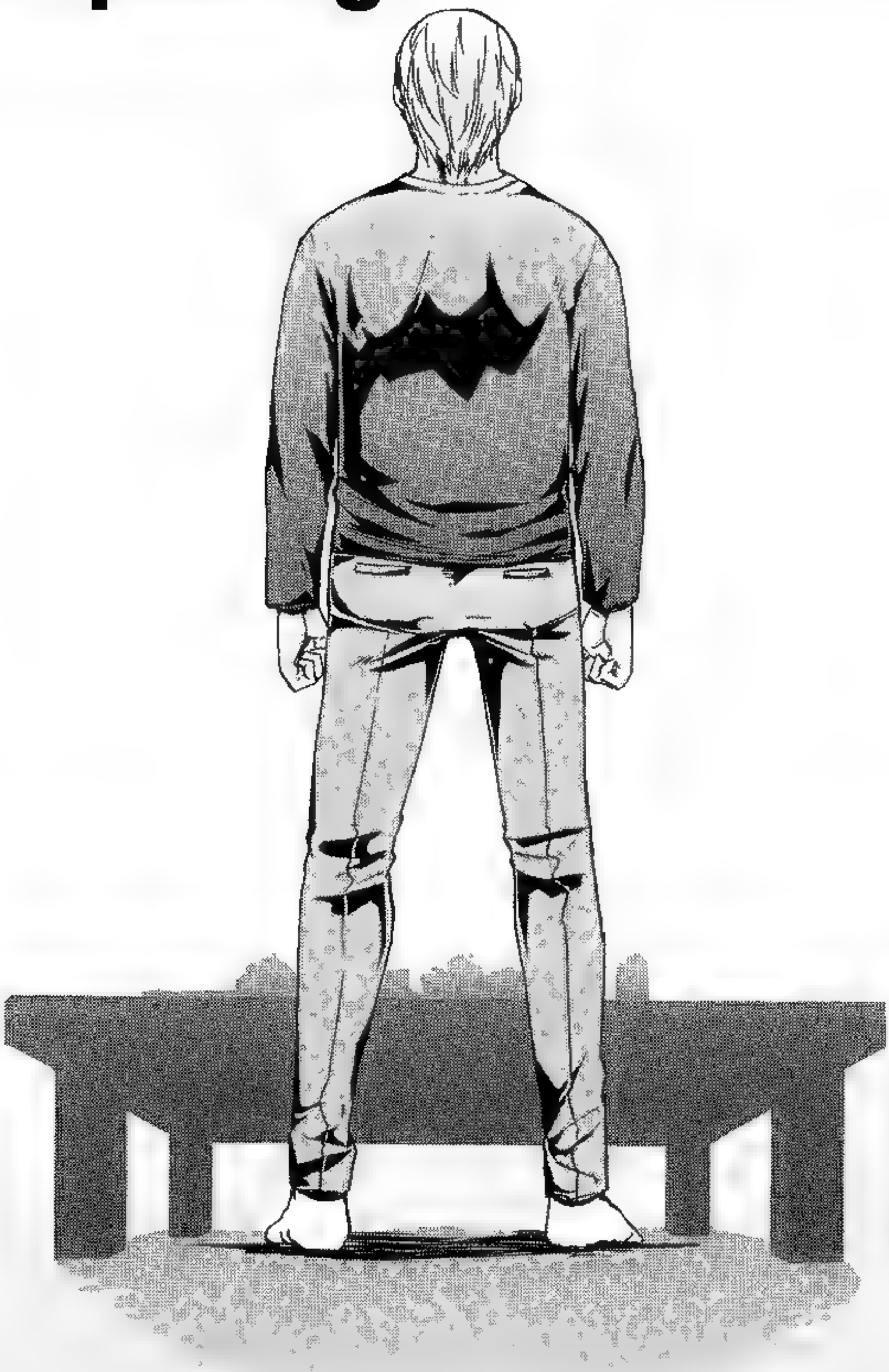
At that instant,

was taken control of by the Boss' consciousness.

I also

**what it was that I should be accomplishing.**

**completely understood**



And I

became Suzume-bachi

However,

sometimes, during a spur of the moment,

you and your mother.

and completely forgot about

I would remember you two.

During those moments,

in areas unknown to the Boss,

I would watch over you two as much as possible,

and also support you.

Ordering Kirigirisu to rescue you two was for that sake as well.

However, the one right now is completely under the Boss' control.

Thus,

I have no intention of saving you

Au gh-

Ug... ugh-

Guh-

means

Being able to puncture your vital points accurately

gives you endless pain and distress.

It's a technique that, without taking your life,

decisively.

being able to disable your vitals

I call it

# Piercing Infinity

Move
Endless
Piercing
Stinger

A hornet's stinger

It is a weapon used for "stabbing something to death,"

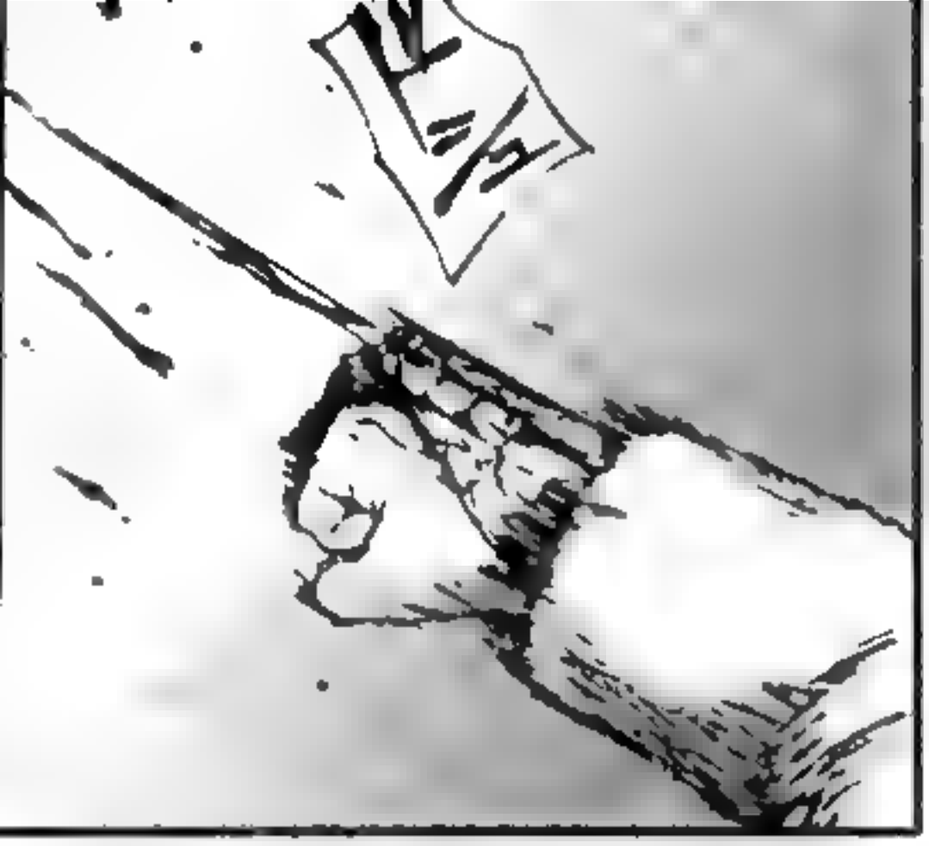
and it can stab as many times as necessary unt l its prey is defeated

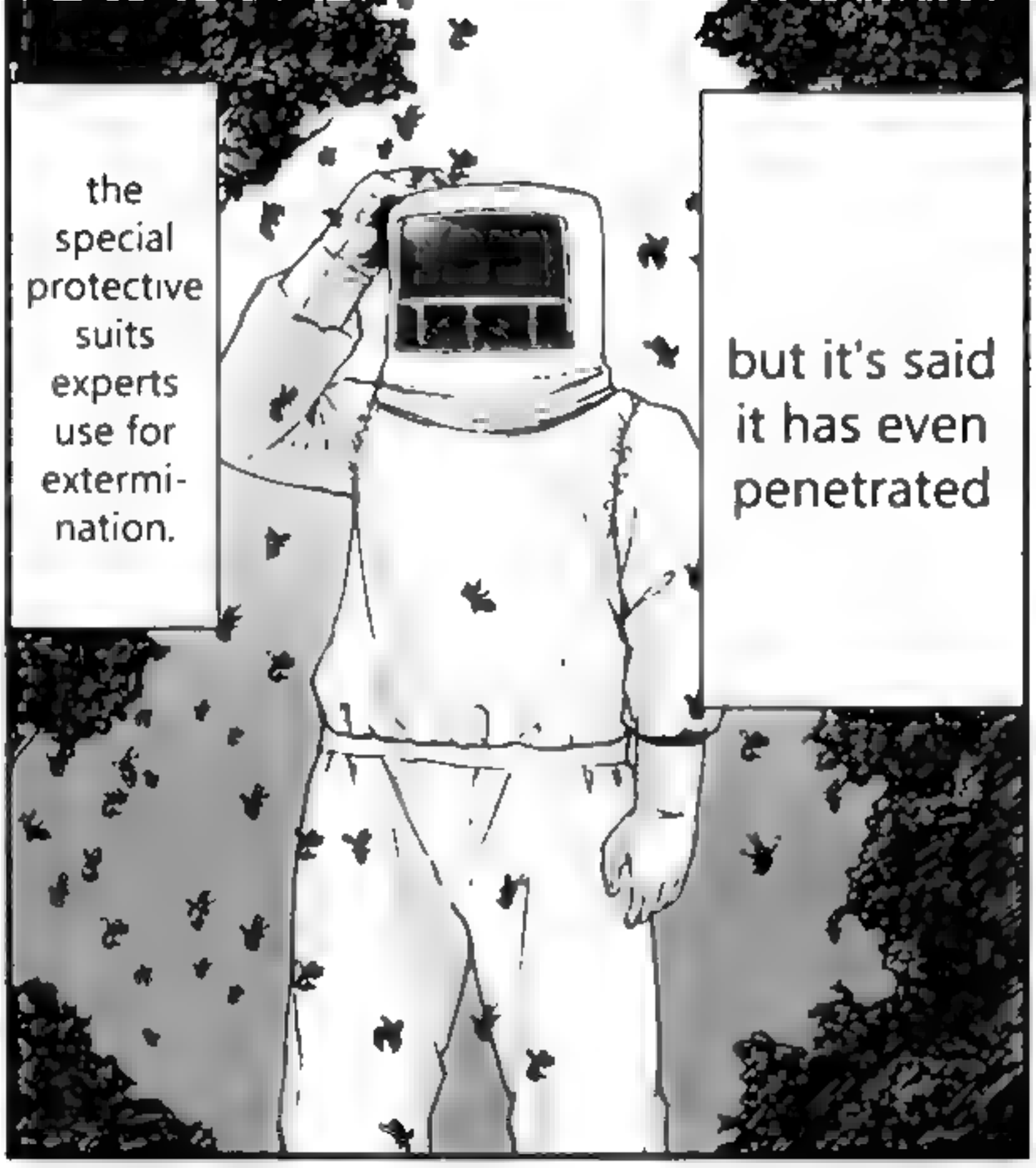
It's not used for defense, but for hunting and attacking.

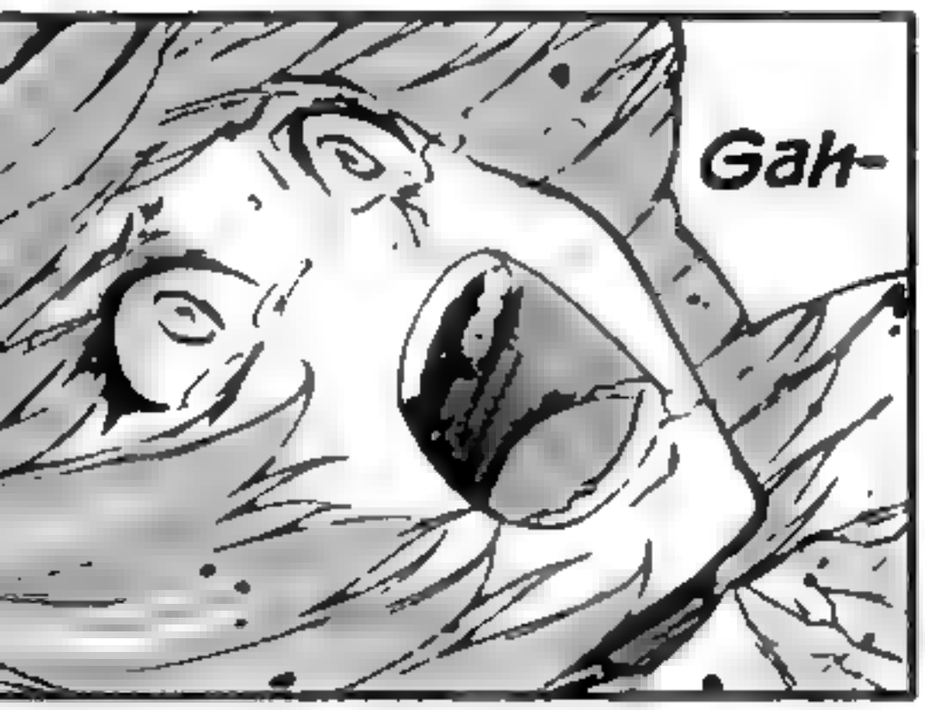
is different from a honeybee's and paper wasp's

Its length can even reach a max of 1 cm

Obviously, it works on a bear or human's flesh,





*I m forced to stay home everyday to care for my mother who has been sick for over 15 years*
*If you love my releases please consider donating at KireiCake com to support our livelihood*
*All proceeds go towards offsetting her medical fees Thank you very much for reading!*

with the next attack.

I shall kill you

Guh-

Ff ff fu-

Ug-

フフー
フフー
フー

Hmph.

even though you got stabbed...

You wrapped these around my arms

That's because my *Vespa Stinger's* attack,

Kanji: Hornet Stinger

by Congenital Excess Concent-ration,

with the limits of its manipulable precision and the sharpness of its tip boosted

Your threads won't affect me.

But, it's futile.

can destroy structural compositions with pinpoint accuracy

and interrupt commu-nicative functions.

my "thread" with a "stinger" ...

He pene-trated

Simply put, no matter how much you struggle...

Do you under-stand?

……

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against a "hornet."

an "arachnid" will never win

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cannot defeat a wasp.

An arachnid

and ends up being hunted instead.

practically no means to deal with them,

against its natural enemy, the spider wasp or large hornet,

A hunter with tendencies towards resourcefulness and maneuverability has,

The answer is plain and simple.

Why is that?

don't work against them.

Attacks which use "threads"

# Chapter 66: I Have No Choice But to Survive

It boasts a strength that even surpasses steel of the same thickness,

Arachnid thread is the strongest fibrous material in the natural world.

it simply tears it apart and flies away.

when an aerial hornet is caught in an arachnid's web,

In reality,

It lacks the strength to capture a large insect several centimeters in size.

but is, unfortunately, limited to only a few μm (micrometres).

but to the hornet,

The arachnid's existence is a fearsome threat to most insects,

prey.

It's nothing more than defenseless

ugh...

ug-

キーン

Ergh...

Ugh-

You can't move.

Haa...

Haa

Haa

Indecision the moment they exist.

A match between a wasp and an arachnid

you were punctured in dozens of spots at once.

Even though they're not fatal wounds,

and carelessly set your trap.

the moment you confront me

...

...

...

give up already..

I should just

and I don't have a plan either.

I can't even move

There's really

no chance for me to win anymore.

There's nothing more I can do.

If I close my eyes like this,

to see my mother again...

I'll be able

and-

but Tajima-san, Kuramoto-senpai,

and,

And not just my mother,

Alice.

Alice.

Wake up.

good morning

Go-

Mm...

.....

You've been training tirelessly, Huh?

...

"Use", you say—

Us-

"Use"?

Are you able to use it now?

So?

"talking"...

I felt like I was

I thought it was my imagination at the start, but...

it's really alive...

It's almost as if

when I can hear this child's voice.

There are definitely moments

You've got it.

Eh-

It is a living being.

It isn't a tool.

is a living organ.

Tucked away in its grip

the deeper the connection becomes between the "thread" and its user.

The deeper the concentration,

it'll continue to spin its thread forever.

As long as you don't neglect maintaining it,

It's a "Living Weapon."

become one with it,

You resonate with it,

and in the end...

and transfer to the "thread."

your senses escape your body

you can probably achieve it in even a month.

Seeing you,

Re-

really ...!?

Heh-

to finally reach that stage, but...

It took me a year after I started using it

Yet, why do you seem so happy?

I'd be screaming for you to run away from fortune.

Locked away in a place like this

and given some strange tool...

What an odd girl.

Ah-

Why I observe eyelashes from, but...

I was afraid of losing something but back and with my brothers all gone alone...

never even once

I've up until now.

thought about what I would do,

when I touch this "thing"...

I'm scared...

no matter how many times I fail,

the more I get bothered and worn out from it.

no matter how many times I try,

my heart is lightening up...

the more I feel that

No.

I'm weird, aren't I? In the end...

I'm sorry...

I'm-

It's Fine.

It's a challenge

Survival

Remember this.

AMONGST CHALLENGE.

ONLY EXISTS KIND

to give up.

It's still too early

He's right.

As long as I can still challenge,

Survival is a challenge.

I HAVE NO CHOICE

BUT TO SURVIVE!

Oh...?

Stop now.

you've "gotten in it," huh?

So *now*

Rather,

you'll end up slowly experiencing

No matter how much you concentrate, you can't escape the ***Stinger Vespa,*** the hornet's stinger.

over an eternity.

the agony of being stung

I don't care.

I'll fight until the end.

or suffer, I don t care.

Even if I lose, die,

.....

the arachnid's way of life.

That's

Why?

is she closing her eyes?

Why

I know that, but...

There's no other way she can survive

and dodge it.

She has to grasp the trajectory of my stinger

At any rate...

Well whatever

the end
for you.

It's now

A thread!

Just what is this.

All of them.

shooting it straight up...

And,

of your senses to the thread.

Entrust all

If you can transfer all of those

but your sight, hearing, smell, and taste as well,

Not just your sense of touch,

to the thread,

become the thread itself.

you will

I can see.

last time, I can't.

I couldn't do it then.

From the tip of the thread

that's suspended in thin air,

After I transfer all of my senses to the thread,

the shape of my prey.

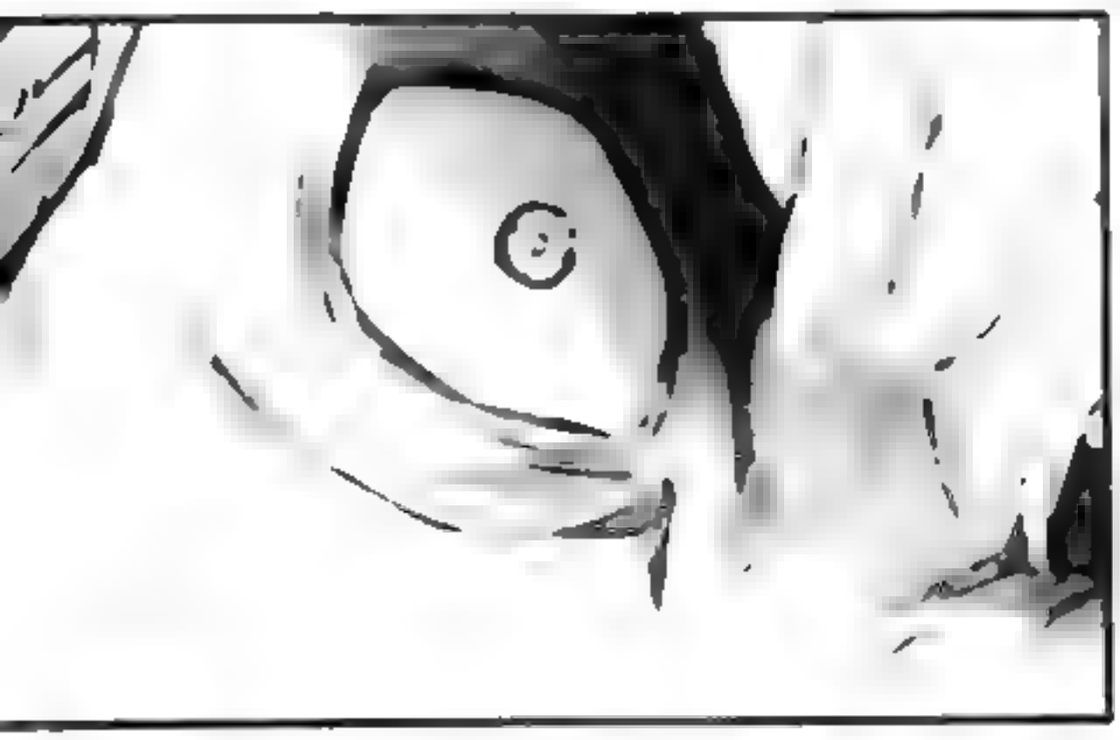
I can clearly see

become the fang,

I will

WHO CRUSHES ITS PREY WITH BRUTE FORCE,

AND LIKE THE TARANTULA



AND PIERCE THROUGH HIM.

I WILL SWING STRAIGHT DOWN,

Haa

Haa...

This is one weapon

the arachnid's thread.

that is different from

It is the arachnid's "fang."

ついに「ボス」との邂逅を果たす!!

戦いは最終局面へ……。

あなたが……

「ボス」……なの

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